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Item 2 of the provisional agenda
Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional agenda

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on energy issues.
4. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Group of Experts.
5. Adoption of the report of the Group of Experts on its first session.

Annotations

1. Election of officers

The Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development may wish to elect a Bureau consisting of five members, one from each of the five regional groups of the United Nations, including two Co-Chairmen, one from a developed country and one from a developing country (Economic and Social Council resolution 1999/60).

Recalling its resolution 1999/60 of 30 July 1999 on preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on energy issues, and bearing in mind the specific nature and purposes of the Group of Experts, which will meet in conjunction with the inter-sessional ad hoc working groups of the Commission at its eighth and ninth sessions, in 2000 and 2001, the Council decided, on the basis of rule 24, paragraph 1 (c), of its rules of procedure, that States that were not members of the Commission would be allowed to nominate their nationals to the Bureau of the Group (Council decision 1999/285).

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2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In accordance with rule 7 of the rules of procedures of the functional commissions of the Council, which also apply, insofar as they are practicable, to the proceedings of its subsidiary organs, at the beginning of each session the Group of Experts shall adopt the agenda for that session.

3. Preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on energy issues

At its nineteenth special session, the General Assembly adopted the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (General Assembly resolution S-19/2, annex), which included the multi-year programme of work for the Commission on Sustainable Development, 1998-2002, under which the sectoral theme of the ninth session of the Commission will be atmosphere/energy and the topic for the economic sector of the session will be energy/transport. The General Assembly further stated that preparations for the ninth session of the Commission should be initiated at the seventh session of the Commission, and should utilize an open-ended intergovernmental group of experts on energy and sustainable development, to be convened in conjunction with inter-sessional meetings of the eighth and ninth sessions of the Commission. Pertinent decisions of the General Assembly are contained in the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 (see General Assembly resolution S-19/2, annex, chap. III.B, paras. 42-56).

Furthermore, at its nineteenth special session, the General Assembly recognized the complexities and interdependencies inherent in addressing energy issues within the context of sustainable development, and underscored that in line with the objectives of Agenda 21, the ninth session of the Commission should contribute to a sustainable energy future for all.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1999/60 and decision 1999/285, the first session of the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development will be held from 6 to 10 March 2000. Furthermore, in its resolution 1999/60, the Council called upon Governments to actively participate and contribute to the preparatory process, and encouraged the participation in the preparatory process of civil society and other major groups, including the private sector, particularly from developing countries.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Energy and sustainable development: key issues" (E/CN.17/ESD/2000/3)

Report of the Secretary-General on national submissions (E/CN.17/ESD/2000/2)

4. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Group of Experts

The Group of Experts will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its second session.

5. Adoption of the report of the Group of Experts on its first session

The Group of Experts will report on its first session to the Commission on Sustainable Development at its eighth session, in 2000.

Annex I

Proposed programme of work

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Programme*
Monday, 6 March		
10-11 a.m.		Opening of the session
	Item 1	Election of officers
		Opening statements by the Co-Chairs
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	Item 3	Preparations for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on energy issues
		Introduction
		Presentation of the results of the World Energy Assessment
11 a.m.-1 p.m.		General discussion
3-6 p.m.		General discussion (continued)
		Panel on Global Energy Trends and Sustainable Development
		Panel on Financing, Investment and Sustainable Energy
Tuesday, 7 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Discussion of key issues of energy and sustainable development
3-6 p.m.		Discussion of key issues of energy and sustainable development (continued)
Wednesday, 8 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Informal consultations on key issues
3-6 p.m.		Informal consultations on key issues (continued)
Thursday, 9 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Discussion of the programme of work between the first and second sessions of the Group of Experts
3-6 p.m.		Informal consultations on key issues (continued)
Friday, 10 March		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.		Informal consultations on the programme of work between the first and second sessions of the Group of Experts
3-6 p.m.	Item 4	Provisional agenda for the second session of the Group of Experts
	Item 5	Adoption of the report on the first session of the Group of Experts
		Closure of the meeting